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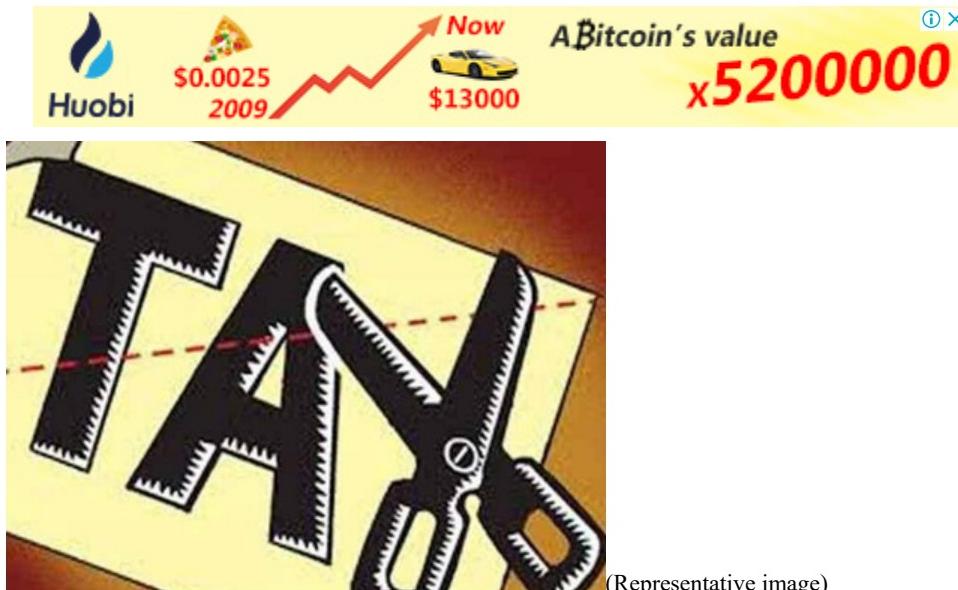


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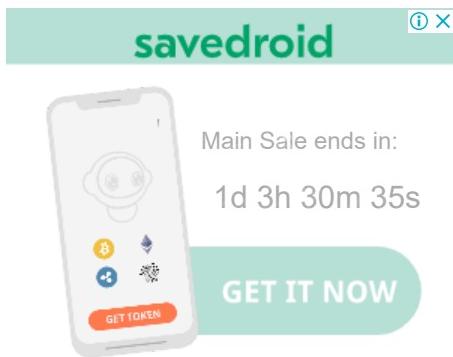


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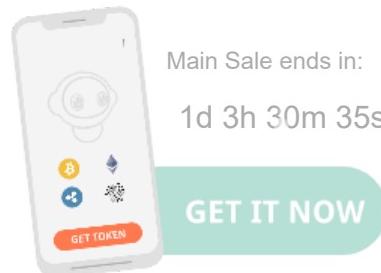
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Hyderabad is south India's new stalking capital! Who is to be blamed?

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'Incorrect password', read the screen when Shruti*, 22, tried to log into her Facebook account. After a few attempts, she assumed she had forgotten the password and changed it. A few days later, she was locked out of her account again. She changed the password again assuming she'd not remembered the new one correctly. She was too occupied after all, having broken up with her boyfriend recently and still struggling to recover from the damage caused by his controlling nature. Strangely enough, her sister faced the same problem — she was logged out from all her social media profiles. a day later it was an aunt who was blocked out of social media. It's then that Shruti smelled something fishy. could it be her ex-lover? She confronted him; he denied. And then began the string of messages where he blackmailed her, threatened to kill himself if she did not take him back et al.

Fed up, Shruti blocked him and tried to ignore it all. But he hacked into her account and began posting obscene content. When she was forced to confront him, he threatened to kill himself. She decided to wipe out her presence from the virtual world; so he started stalking her like a shadow in the real world, following her wherever she went. Soon, Shruti had no other option other than shutting herself indoors. She became depressed and lived in constant fear that her ex-lover would turn up somewhere and harm her. She finally approached the police and narrated her woes to them verbally, though she didn't file a complaint. They nabbed him and counselled him. but weeks later, there he was again using new IDs, new IP addresses to harass her. It was like a vicious cycle and Shruti could see no way out.

Stalkers are strengthened by the anonymity the internet offers

Both police and psychologists agree that stalking has become more rampant with the advent of unregulated internet. In the recent NCRB 2016 statistics, amongst all South Indian metros, Hyderabad had a whooping 74 cases when Bangalore fared with 45 and Chennai 10 making Hyderabad the

stalking capital of South India. "Stalkers want a cloak of anonymity and what better place to enjoy anonymity than the internet? A majority of the cases coming to fore have some element of cyberstalking as well, with assailants leaking pictures — sometimes even morphed ones — on the internet, or hacking into accounts and using multiple email IDs and IP addresses to do the same," points out [Purnima Nagaraja](#) police officials however say that though it may be more rampant, tracking virtual stalkers may be simpler than putting the real life stalkers behind the bars. "We always urge [women](#) to lodge a complaint as it is very important for police to initiate any action. For lodging a suo moto case in stalking crimes, evidence collection is tricky as it's not possible to put in so much manpower to look into each case without any tip off. However, if the stalking is done via electronic means, then tracing an IP address is enough to prove the crime of the assailant," explains [ACP Kavitha](#) Dara of Hyderabad She teams. At present, stalking is a bailable offence under section 354 D of IPC and fetches a jail of maximum 3 years.

Women don't act until it's too late

There is no other way to fight this menace than by bringing these criminals to the book. Unfortunately, both the victims and sometimes even the police wait until things take a grave turn to act, points out Jameela. And that's precisely what happened in the case of a 13-year-old girl who went missing from the Old City in August 2017. She was being stalked and harassed by a 22-year-old for over 6 months. But only when she was abducted by him and taken to Gulbarga did her parents finally file a police complaint. 'If I can use a knife to slit my hand, I can use it to slit your throat too' the offender had told her, recounted the girl, upon being rescued.

Are stalkers future rapists, murderers?

Victim being rescued. Lurking beneath the stalker could be a criminal, who's only biding his time to act. While there is no data recorded to prove that many heinous crimes against women begin with stalking, this can't totally be ruled out, point out experts. "True, not all stalkers are psychopaths. but if he's unreported, you'd never be able to identify if he's an underlying motive or a mental condition that will push him to commit grave crimes. Many a times, stalking is the result of relationships gone wrong and it's either the 'revenge mentality' or simple curiosity to know how the ex-partner is doing that makes one shadow them. How such a person would react to retaliation or non-retaliation is under-studied," explains Purnima. NCRB's data collection techniques may make it more difficult to scrutinise the trends in stalking and its link to grievous sexual offenses like rape and murder. At present, the NCRB's data representation with regard to rape is restricted to the relationship shared by the victim and offender — which only looks into whether the assailant was known or not. There is no more analysis done to know whether stalking, which is generally the stage one of the crime, occurred in case of rape or murder.

The disclaimer that comes with the NCRB data also proves the fact that their data is not fully conclusive. "The Bureau follows 'Principal Offence Rule' for counting of crime. Hence among many offenses registered in a single case, only most heinous crime is considered as counting unit, thereby representing one case," reads the disclaimer. So if a woman complains of being stalked, molested and raped, only the rape element would make it to the records of NCRB under the 'rape' category, while the 'stalking' element of the same would be unrecorded.

Tollywood, which glorifies stalking, is to be blamed: Cops

The situation in whole of Telangana is equally worse, with over 1096 cases reported, close on heels of Maharashtra with 1588 cases. This makes Telangana stand second in the number of stalking instances. So who is to be blamed for this rampant menace? Cops think cinema. "A lot of the offenders belong to age group of 18-23. They see that the heroes in the films are able to get consensual love if they stalk the heroines long enough. that sends out a wrong message," says ACP Kavitha. "Peer pressure is another factor. with social media encouraging youngsters to enjoy victimising each other, this is expected," adds Purnima.

So what's the solution? "Report to the police, however small the case is," the both chorus together.

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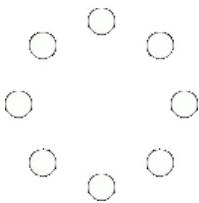
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Hyderabad: Man rapes minor girl, smashes her head with boulder; held

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HYDERABAD: A 23-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly raping and killing a minor daughter of his neighbour in Hyderabad's Alkapuri area, police said on Wednesday.

The body of the five-year-old girl, with her head smashed, was found dumped in the bushes at an isolated spot on Tuesday night, an officer said.

The accused, identified as Dinesh D, a construction labourer from Madhya Pradesh, had allegedly lured the girl with chocolate and took her to an isolated spot, the officer said.

"He took her to a deserted place in Alkapuri area where he allegedly raped and killed her using a boulder," Narsingi police station inspector G V [Ramana Goud](#) said.

He said the girl's parents had seen Dinesh walking with the girl in the afternoon.

They confronted him in the evening when they did not find the child with him.

Dinesh allegedly told them that he had already sent the girl to her house.

The girl's parents and neighbours searched for her but could not find her, following which they approached police.

"The girl's parents lodged a complaint last night and during the course of the investigation, police cracked the case and found the girl's body in bushes, and subsequently arrested the accused (around midnight)," the inspector said.

Dinesh has been booked under various sections of the IPC for kidnap, rape and murder, the officer said, adding that further investigation is on.

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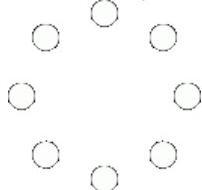
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Man arrested for raping, killing 6-year-old girl

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HYDERABAD: A 27-year-old man was on Wednesday arrested for allegedly raping and killing a six-year-old girl in [Wanaparthy](#) district of [Telangana](#), police said.

Accused [Rama Krishna](#), a construction worker, was arrested from Peddagudem village of the district after police found the girl's body from an under-construction building in the village, they said.

Police said that on the night of December 10, the accused lured the girl, a lower kindergarten student, by offering chocolates when the victim had approached her father for the same near their house.

Rama Krishna, police said, took the victim to a nearby building and allegedly raped her and then smothered her to death, Wanaparthy Circle Inspector N Venkateshwarlu said.

"The victim's father later lodged a complaint against Rama Krishna based on suspicion. During investigations, we recovered the girl's body from the slab of the under-construction building," said Venkateshwarlu.

Police registered a case charging the accused with rape and murder. Relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) were also invoked, police said.

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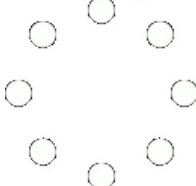
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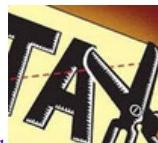
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